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SUBJECT: US MEMBERSHIP EUROPEAN REGIONAL ORGANIZATION
OF UNESCO

MFA (RHODIUS, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS)
TELEPHONED EMBOFF AUGUST 6 TO ALERT HIM TO WHAT HE
CHARACTERIZED AS NEW FRENCH EFFORT TO CREATE PROBLEMS
OVER US MEMBERSHIP IN UNESCO EUROPEAN REGIONAL
ORGANIZATION. HE SAID FRENCH CHARGE, WHO HAD RECENTLY
CALLED ON MFA'S DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
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TERWISSCHA, WAS INTERPRETING RECENT UNESCO RESOLUTION

ADMITTING US TO EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUPS AS MEANING
US COULD ONLY SEND OBSERVERS. MFA THINKS THIS SIGNALS
FRENCH EFFORT TO RE-FIGHT BATTLE ON US MEMBERSHIP IN
EXECUTIVE BOARD AND LATER IN CONFERENCE. FRENCH CHARGE
REPORTEDLY SAID US MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN
REGIONAL ORGANIZATION WOULD "CREATE GREAT DISORDER".
WHEN MFA ASKED WHAT ABOUT CANADA, FRENCH CHARGE OF COURSE
COULD GIVE NO REASONABLE OR CONSISTENT REPLY. MFA HAS
NOTIFIED DUTCH DELEGATION IN UNESCO OF FRENCH APPROACH.
EMBOFF THANKED MFA FOR INFORMATION
AND PROMISED RELAY IT TO DEPARTMENT.
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